

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A plug or socket connectable to a coaxial cable having a plurality of conductors and a tubular shielding surrounding all of the conductors, the plug or socket being formed of several subassemblies and comprising:

~~an electrically conductive tubular and at least partially metallic casing~~ sleeve defining an axis and receiving the coaxial cable with the tubular shielding in electrical contact with the casing sleeve;

an electrically insulating holder fitted in the casing sleeve and having ~~an central~~ axially throughgoing and central passage generally at the axis and an array generally centered on the axis of axially throughgoing outer passages lying between the central passage and the casing sleeve;

respective contacts in the passages, the contacts in the outer passages each having a press-fit connection secured to a respective one of the conductors; and

a conductive contacting element separate from but in electrical contact with the casing sleeve and with the contact in the central passage, the contacting element forming an electrical connection between the central contact and the shielding.

1           12. (currently amended) The plug or socket as defined  
2 in claim 11 wherein the shielding of the coaxial cable is a shield  
3 braid and the contacting element is formed in part as an iris  
4 spring.

1           13. (currently amended) The plug or socket as defined  
2 in claim 11 wherein the press-fit connections each have a pair of  
3 press-fit arms that contact the respective conductor generally  
4 axially.

1           14. (previously presented) The plug or socket as  
2 defined in claim 13 wherein the press-fit arms are fixable at least  
3 partially in a wire holder of a part of one of the subassemblies.

1           15. (currently amended) The plug or socket as defined  
2 in claim 14 wherein each pair of arms forms a conductor seat that  
3 tapers on one side at a deflecting surface to a cross section ~~such~~  
4 ~~that~~ and an end of the respective conductor is poked between the  
5 respective press-fit arms.

1           16. (previously presented) The plug or socket as  
2 defined in claim 13 wherein the press-fit arms extend generally  
3 axially of the socket or plug.

1           17. (currently amended) The plug or socket as defined  
2 in claim 11 wherein the wire holder has respective conductor seats  
3 aligned with the outer passages and each holding [[a]] the  
4 respective contact.

1           18. (currently amended) The plug or socket as defined  
2 in claim 11 wherein the contacting element has at one end an eye  
3 gripping the contact in the center passage and an outer end  
4 electrically connected to the casing sleeve.

1           19. (previously presented) The plug or socket as  
2 defined in claim 18 wherein the contacting element is flat and lies  
3 generally in a plane including the axis and passing between two of  
4 the outer passages.

1           20. (previously presented) The plug or socket as  
2 defined in claim 11 wherein each of the contacts has a front pin  
3 end projecting axially from the holder.

1           21. (previously presented) The plug or socket as  
2 defined in claim 20 wherein the contacts in the outer passages each  
3 have a rear forked end gripping the respective conductor.